

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Ruben et al.

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Title: 90 Human Secreted Proteins

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

Prior to the prosecution of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a copy of the Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 ("Petition") filed in connection with parent application no. 09/244,112, which extends the time from September 15, 2000 to and including February 15, 2001. This Petition evidences copendency between parent application Serial No. 09/244,112 and the present application.

***Amendments***

**In the Specification**

Page 1, first paragraph, change: "This application is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending United States patent application Serial No: PCT/US98/16235, filed August 4, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Applications:" to -- This application is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/244,112 filed February 4, 1999, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of United States patent application Serial No. PCT/US98/16235, filed August 4, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Applications: --

### In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 17, delete "or the polynucleotide of claim 1".

Please add the following claim:

-- 24. A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polynucleotide of claim 1. --

### REMARKS

The specification has been amended to add priority information. The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants regard as the invention. Support for new claim 24 can be found throughout the application as filed.

No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for this submission. However, should a fee be due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

Respectfully submitted

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